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FOR : METHOD FOR PREVENTING AND TREATING VISCERAL PAIN AND  
GASTROINTESTINAL DISORDERS

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

NOVEMBER 5, 2003

Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action Dated May 7, 2003, please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.

**A petition for three months extension of time** is also requested.